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WELDING INSPECTION REPORT

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Report No: WIR-005026
Date Inspected: 09-Dec-2008

Project Name: SAS Superstructure
Prime Contractor: American Bridge/Fluor Enterprises, a JV
Contractor: Zhenhua Port Machinery Company, Ltd (ZPMC), Changxing Island

OSM Arrival Time: 630
OSM Departure Time: 1530
Location: Shanghai, China

CWI Name:	Geng Wei, Zhang Bao Wei			**CWI Present:**	☑ Yes	☐ No	
Inspected CWI report:	☐ Yes	☑ No	☐ N/A	**Rod Oven in Use:**	☑ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
Electrode to specification:	☑ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	**Weld Procedures Followed:**	☑ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
Qualified Welders:	☑ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	**Verified Joint Fit-up:**	☐ Yes	☑ No	☐ N/A
Approved Drawings:	☑ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	**Approved WPS:**	☑ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
				Delayed / Cancelled:	☐ Yes	☑ No	☐ N/A

Bridge No: 34-0006
Component: OBG Assembly

Summary of Items Observed:

This report serves to document the events occurring on this date at the following location. Caltrans Quality Assurance (QA) Inspector Robert Vatcher arrived on site at the Zhenhua Port Machinery Company (ZPMC) facility at Changxing Island, in Shanghai, China, for the purpose of monitoring welding and fabrication of the San Francisco / Oakland Bay Bridge (SFOBB) components. The QA Inspector observed the following:

OBG Assembly Bay II

5AE- No Observed Welding Activity however QA observed multiple locations where grinding is occurring for breaking edges for paint.

No deck panel to deck panel or diaphragm plate to floor beam flange welding occurring as of this time at DP351-001 & DP378-001 or DP459-001 & DP432-001. No fit up and tacking as well. These joints are ready to be fit up and tacked.

5BE- No Observed Welding Activity however QA observed multiple locations where grinding is occurring for breaking edges for paint.

No deck panel to deck panel or diaphragm plate to floor beam flange welding occurring as of this time at DP460-001 & DP433-001 or DP379-001 & DP352-001. These joints are presently being fit up and will be ready for tacking operations shortly.

5CE- No Observed Welding Activity however QA observed multiple locations where grinding is occurring for breaking edges for paint.

No deck panel to deck panel or diaphragm plate to floor beam flange welding occurring as of this time at DP353-001 & DP380-001 or DP434-001 & DP461-001. These joints are presently being fit up and will be ready for tacking operations shortly.

3AE- No Observed Welding Activity

3BE-

QA performed Welding Procedure Specification (WPS) verification at SEG016*-016 deck panels DP63A & DP64A. QA observed for this operation the FCAW process utilizing 1.4 mm diameter Supercored 71H E71T-1 electrode wire in DCEP mode which was checked out of the station on 11/28/08 at 0700. Hong Yong Li 044801 the qualified welding operator was observed as well utilizing a stringer bead method for this evolution in the initial root pass per the welding procedure specification WPS-B-T-223(2)1T. QA measured in-process temperature to be approximately 90 degrees celsius average, amperage to be 285 (average), voltage at 29.0 and a travel speed of approximately 200 mm per minute. ZPMC QC personnel Chen Chih Ming was present to measure and record this operation.

4AE- No Observed Welding Activity

4BE-

QA observed the in process joining of SEG020A*-005 deck plates (situated atop of the segment) DP77A & DP43A by the SAW process. QA measured welding parameters in accordance with welding procedure specification WPS-B-T-2221-B-L2C-S-2 utilizing non corroded or detritus bearing 4.0 mm diameter H14 electrode wire by qualified welding operator chen Xi Feng 052692. Measured amperage at 680.0. Voltage at 32.0, travel speed at 500 mm per minute. Flux was reclaimed and strained through a large rare earth magnet and immediately reused. QA performed a cursory visual examination of the previously joined area prior to further depositing of weld metal. ZPMC QC personnel Zhang Xian Ji was present for this welding evolution. ZPMC QC personnel Chen Chih Ming was available as well ensuring the 20C minimum preheat was established by way of a Fluke infrared temperature thermometer.

Mid bay-

QA observed the in process joining of 2AE SEG008A-014 side plates SP649B & SP197A by the SAW process. QA measured welding parameters in accordance with welding procedure specification WPS-B-T-2221-B-L2C-S-2 utilizing non corroded or detritus bearing 4.0 mm diameter H14 electrode wire by qualified welding operator Wang Min 048296. Qualified welding status was verified by the presence of certification card from the welders pocket. Measured amperage at 680.0, Voltage at 33.0, travel speed at 500 millimeters per minute. Preheat was measured at 67.0 degrees celsius. Flux was reclaimed and strained through a large rare earth magnet and immediately reused. QA performed a cursory visual examination of the previously joined area prior to further depositing of weld metal. ZPMC QC personnel Wang Jie was present for this welding evolution. The above

mentioned items as observed and documented by QA appears to be in conformance with the contract documents.

5CW- No Observed Welding Activity

5BW- No Observed Welding Activity

5AW- No Observed Welding Activity

4BW-

QA observed that multiple diaphragm plate to diaphragm plate joining operations have occurred and are occurring presently throughout the west segment.

Random minimum tack welds installed at diaphragm plate to floor beam flanges at panel point 27.

Deck panels DP76A & DP75A, DP73A & DP39A complete joint penetration welds are completely filled out by the SAW process.

No tack welds installed at diaphragm plate to floor beam flanges at panel point 26.

QA observed that deck panels DP76A & DP75A complete joint penetration welds are filled out by the FCAW process only in the top portion and require further filling by the SAW process. As well deck panels DP73A and DP39A require the same.

4AW-

Deck panels DP27A & DP65A, DP68A & DP67A complete joint penetration welds are completely filled out by the SAW process.

Tack welds installed at diaphragm plate to floor beam flanges at panel point 25.

QA observed that deck panels DP68A & DP67A complete joint penetration welds are entirely filled out in the top portion by the SAW process. As well deck panels DP27A and DP65A are in the same condition.

3BW-

QA observed diaphragm plate to diaphragm plate welds installed at panel point 23. No Diaphragm plate to floor beam flange full length fillet welds installed at this time. No joining operations occurring at this location at this time as well.

QA observed diaphragm plate to diaphragm plate welds installed at panel point 24. Diaphragm plate to floor beam flange full length fillet welds installed at this time as well with the exception of both ends for the remainder of the last diaphragm plate. Also only the north side diaphragm plate to floor beam flange has been joined.

3AW-

QA observed 1 operation where diaphragm plate to diaphragm plate joining by the SMAW process is being performed at panel point 19.

QA observed diaphragm plate to diaphragm plate tack welds only at panel point 20. No Diaphragm plate to floor beam flanges full length fillet installed at this time. No joining operations occurring at this location at this time.

QA observed diaphragm plate to diaphragm plate tack welds only at panel point 21. No Diaphragm plate to floor beam flange full length fillet welds installed at this time. No joining operations occurring at this location at this time as well.

QA observed three locations where diaphragm plate to diaphragm plate joining by the FCAW process is being performed at panel point 22. No Diaphragm plate to floor beam flange full length fillet welds installed at this time.

QA spoke with AB/F representative Peter Shaw who was just back last week from vacation. QA asked how his vacation was and he spoke amicably that it was too short. Mr. Shaw also mentioned that the remaining deck panels on the east and west segments were completely welded out (the ones that have been mentioned previously in this QA's reports. He also spoke about when ultrasonic testing would be performed which was possibly in the next week.

North Bay of OBG Assembly-

QA observed the in process joining of SEG007A-014 bottom plates BP038A & BP092A by the SAW process. QA measured welding parameters in accordance with welding procedure specification WPS-B-T-2221-B-L2C-S-2 utilizing non corroded or detritus bearing 4.0 mm diameter H14 electrode wire by qualified welding operator Wang lan Ying 045265. Qualified welding status was verified by the presence of certification card from the welders pocket. Measured amperage at 582.0, Voltage at 32.5, travel speed at 483 millimeters per minute. Preheat was measured at 110.0 degrees celsius. Flux was reclaimed and strained through a large rare earth magnet and immediately reused. QA performed a cursory visual examination of the previously joined area prior to further depositing of weld metal. ZPMC QC personnel Zhang Xian Ming was present for this welding evolution. AB/F QC personnel li Hanjie was available as well. The above mentioned items as observed and documented by QA appears to be in conformance with the contract documents.

Side Plate to Side Plate back grinding in progress at SP124-001 to SP097-001. QA performed a cursory visual examination of the preparation to sound metal.

QA observed at SEG037A-009 side plates SP719A to SP4381A that ceramic backing has been installed to facilitate joining without requiring back gouging and back welding.

North Sub-Assembly Area (Outside of OBG)

No observed joining operations

Summary of Conversations:

No relevant conversations this date.

Comments

This report is for the purpose of determining conformance with the contract documents and is not for the purpose of making repair or fit for purpose recommendations. Should you require recommendations concerning repairs or remedial efforts please contact Peter Dautermann, who represents the Office of Structural Materials for your project.

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